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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

06000046 /3

VICLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. \$ 1001(a)(1) - False

Statements (Four Counts)

TOULU THAO,

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Defendant.

The Grand Jury charges:

I. INTRODUCTION

INDICIMENT

Defendant Toulu Thao, at all relevant times herein, was employed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the position of Community Builder. In this position, the defendant was responsible for representing HUD as a technical authority, expert consultant, and advisor in providing innovative communication and liaison activities with HUD clients,

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local leaders, state legislators, representatives of industry, foundations, universities, and public and private interest groups.

- B. The defendant was required to complete an OGE Form 450, Confidential Financial Disclosure Report, as a condition of his employment with HUD. This form provides a mechanism for determining actual or potential conflicts between an employee's public responsibilities and the employee's private interests and activities.
- C. The defendant founded the organization Hmong American Political Association (HAPA), in 1995, and served as its President through at least 1998 when he began employment with HUD. The purpose of the organization was to advance the political interests and causes of the Hmong community.
- D. The defendant founded the Hmong American Community (HAC), Incorporated in 1996, and was the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director until he began employment with HUD in 1998. The HAC did business with HUD.
- E. The Hmong Economic Development Corporation (HED) was incorporated on or about March 23, 1999, for the purpose of promoting economic development within the Hmong community.
- F. The defendant operated Thao Services Company, doing business as "TSC," on or about August 3, 2001. The purpose of the business was to "provide general services such as sports coaching and record keeping, documents translating, etc."

COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1) - False Statement]

The Grand Jury charges: T H A T

TOULU THAO,

defendant herein, on or about November 1, 2001, in the State and Eastern District of California in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, did falsify, conceal, or cover up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, in that he failed to disclose on an Office of Government Ethics form (OGE Form 450) that he had received approximately \$5200.00 in income from the Hmong Economic Development Corporation from approximately December 2000 through August 2001, all in violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 1001(a)(1).

COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1) - False Statement]

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

TOULU THAO,

defendant herein, on or about November 1, 2001, in the State and Eastern District of California in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, did falsify, conceal, or cover up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, in that he failed to disclose on an Office of Government Ethics form (OGE Form 450 and Supplement to OGE Form 450) that his son Victor Thao had received checks in excess of \$7500 from HAC beginning in September 2001, all in violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 1001(a)(1).

COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1) - False Statement]

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

TOULU THAO,

defendant herein, on or about November 1, 2001, in the State and Eastern District of California in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, did falsify, conceal, or cover up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, in that he failed to disclose on an Office of Government Ethics form (OGE Form 450) his outside position as an officer (President) of HAPA, all in violation of Title 18 United States Code Section 1001(a)(1).

COUNT FOUR: [18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(1) - False Statement]

The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

TOULU THAO,

defendant herein, on or about October 31, 2002, in the State and Eastern District of California in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, did falsify, conceal, or cover up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, in that he failed to disclose on an Office of Government Ethics form (Supplement to OGE Form 450) that he had a business arrangement or outside employment with an entity doing business with HUD in that he did not reveal the existence of a contract between HAC and TSC and that HAC had written checks to TSC beginning in September 2001, all in violation of Title 18 United

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